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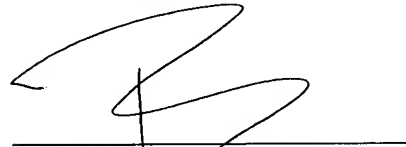
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	A7	4,977,901	12/18/90	Ofstead	128	772	
	A8	4,990,222	2/5/91	Aigner et al.	203	91	
	A9	5,112,457	5/12/92	Marchant	204	165	
	A10	5,165,919	11/24/92	Sasaki et al.	424	488	
	A11	5,272,012	12/21/93	Opolski	428	423.1	
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	A20	5,417,981	5/23/95	Endo et al.	424	486	
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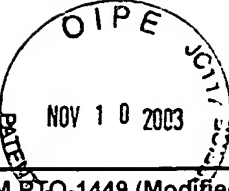
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	A28	5,605,696	2/25/97	Eury et al.	424	423	
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	A30	5,624,411	4/29/97	Tuch	604	265	
	A31	5,628,730	5/13/97	Shapland et al.	604	21	
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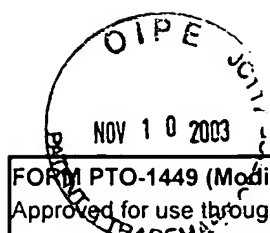
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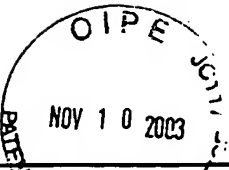
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